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FISCAL NOTE**

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Bill Topic: MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK LICENSE PLATE

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill creates the Mesa Verde National Park group special license plate. It will increase state and local revenue and state expenditures beginning in FY 2020-21.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 19-1255**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue	Cash Funds	-	\$170,029	\$21,242
	State Highway Fund	-	\$89,359	\$11,163
	Total	-	\$259,388	\$32,405
Expenditures	Cash Funds	-	\$36,379	\$4,067
	Total	-	\$36,379	\$4,067
Transfers		-	-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-	-

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the Mesa Verde National Park group special license plate. The license plate is available to all applicants that pay a one-time special license plate fee of \$50 and give a donation to a designated Colorado nonprofit organization as determined by the Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR).

Assumptions

Expected demand for this plate is based on the actual demand for the current Rocky Mountain National Park group special license plate. This plate is used for comparison because it has similar qualification to the new Mesa Verde National Park group special license plate. This fiscal note assumes that 5,499 license plates will be issued in FY 2020-21, and 687 will be issued in FY 2021-22 and thereafter. This fiscal note assumes the group special license plate will be available by July 1, 2020.

In addition, the fiscal note assumes that the designated nonprofit organization, as determined by DOR, will be the Mesa Verde Foundation, which has completed all the requirements to seek legislation creating a group special license plate.

State Revenue

This bill is anticipated to increase state cash fund revenue by \$307,504 in FY 2020-21 and by \$38,417 in FY 2021-22 and in future years. Table 2 outlines the revenue generated under this bill.

Table 2
Revenue Under HB 19-1255

Revenue Components	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
License Plate Sets Issued	-	5,499	687
Revenue: License Plate Cash Fund (\$5.92)	-	\$32,554	\$4,067
Revenue: Highway Users Tax Fund (\$25)	-	\$137,475	\$17,175
Revenue: Licensing Services Cash Fund (\$25)	-	\$137,475	\$17,175
Total Revenue	-	\$307,504	\$38,417

Standard license plate fees. Upon registration, all vehicle owners must pay a plate and tab production fee of \$5.92 for a passenger vehicle plate set and \$3.01 for a motorcycle plate set. This fiscal note assumes motorcycle plate issuance will be minimal. Fees from plate and tab production are credited to the License Plate Cash Fund (LPCF).

Special license plate fees. Applicants for the Mesa Verde National Park group special license plate are also required to pay an additional \$50 fee, of which \$25 is credited to the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) and \$25 is credited to the Licensing Services Cash Fund (LSCF).

Colorado Department of Transportation. Of the HUTF revenue generated under this bill, 65 percent is credited to the State Highway Fund (SHF) for expenditure by the department, 26 percent is credited to counties, and 9 percent is credited to municipalities. Table 3 outlines the estimated HUTF revenue generated under this bill.

**Table 3
Estimated HUTF Distributions Under HB 19-1255**

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
License Plate Sets Issued	-	5,499	687
Revenue: State Highway Fund (65 percent)	-	\$89,359	\$11,163
Revenue: Counties (26 percent)	-	\$35,743	\$4,466
Revenue: Municipalities (9 percent)	-	\$12,373	\$1,546
Total Distribution		\$137,475	\$17,175

State Expenditures

State cash fund expenditures in DOR will increase by \$32,554 in FY 2020-21, and by \$4,067 in FY 2021-22 and in future years. State expenditures are detailed in Table 4 and discussed below.

**Table 4
Expenditures Under HB 19-1255**

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Department of Revenue			
Plate and Tab Production Cost (\$5.92 per set)	-	\$32,554	\$4,067
Computer Programming	-	\$3,825	-
Total Expenditures	-	\$36,379	\$4,067

Department of Revenue. As discussed in the State Revenue section, plate tab and production costs \$5.92 per license plate set. This fiscal note assumes that 5,499 license plates will be issued in FY 2020-21, and 687 will be issued in FY 2021-22 and thereafter. In FY 2020-21, one-time programming costs of \$3,825 are required to update the Driver License, Record, Identification and Vehicle Enterprise Solutions (DRIVES) system. Programming costs are calculated at 17 hours at a rate of \$225 per hour.

In addition, DOR will be required to update rules, forms, manuals, and the department's website to reflect the change in law. Additionally, the DOR will provide training to authorized agents, Title and Registration Section staff, and law enforcement. Any workload increases or costs associated with these activities can be accomplished within existing appropriations. License plate and tab production costs are expended from the LPCF.

Local Government

This bill will increase local government HUTF revenue by an estimated \$48,116 in FY 2020-21 and by \$6,012 in FY 2021-22 and thereafter, as shown in Table 3. HUTF revenue generated by license plate fees is distributed to counties (26 percent) and municipalities (9 percent) for transportation needs.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 29, 2019, and takes effect August 2, 2019, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections
Public Safety

County Clerks
Revenue

Information Technology
Transportation